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**Sent:** 5/13/2020 3:44:57 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Newark Meeting Recap

Yes, thanks for pointing out that date. That was past community outreach conducted by Liz. I want to clarify that Ann is our contractor who is helping with the current community outreach in preparation of the proposed plan. She is gathering information from what was done in the past from Liz Butler and she is developing a current contact list to conduct outreach and interviews. We are coordinating with Shereen on the outreach so PAO is plugged into this effort. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Josh

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**From:** Reilly, WilliamJ <Reilly.WilliamJ@epa.gov>  
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\*wasn't sure if it was part our, Riverside, community outreach.

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**From:** Reilly, WilliamJ  
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See highlighted text, referenced below, and below further. My fault the meeting that was referenced was in 2016 but Ann was talking about interviews next week which Josh was not plugged into? or cc'd on so there was a disconnect for me as I wasn't sure if this was part of community outreach, etc.

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**From:** Rychlenski, Ann <Ann.Rychlenski@wsp.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** Reilly, WilliamJ <Reilly.WilliamJ@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Newark Meeting Recap

Thanks so much. I have reached out to Councilman Ramos' office to no avail - even tracked him down at this other job at Essex County. Would love to have him participate in the community interviews next week (which is proving to be quite a difficult task, in consideration of the havoc wreaked by COVID). Good to know about the monthly call this Friday - I will touch base with Josh next week to see what the fallout was. So pleased with the info provided by Liz. It is important that the work done earlier is reflected in the history of community involvement in the Community Involvement Plan we are currently working on. Are you related to William K.

Reilly, by any chance? Just asking. Thanks again for taking the time to touch base with me. All the best and stay safe, Ann

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Hi Anne—

Yes, Liz's description regarding the monthly calls is accurate. Unfortunately, I do not have my notes (they are in the office) but I believe it was Jesus Casiano, Jr. from Councilman Anibal Ramos' office. Mr. Casiano ([casianoj@ci.newark.nj.us](mailto:casianoj@ci.newark.nj.us)) is on the Monthly call invite list for July 26, 2019, so I think that is a good approximation. Otherwise, redevelopment at the site has currently stalled so we are re-starting out Monthly Riverside calls with the legal counsel, the City, etc. Josh will be participating on the Monthly call this Friday so feel free to reach out to me or Josh if you have any questions before or after. Thanks,

Will

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Hi Anne.

No worries. I'll do what I can. That said, here's some more info. Also, I've copied Will Reilly so that he can confirm whether I've made any mistakes in the parts he was involved in.

Will, please review my notes below for accuracy of the calls/meetings we had that involved CEDC and/or other actual City of Newark staff (not outside counsel). Thx!

Sophia Rini and I did our community outreach visit to the Site on 7/6/17 (just prior to mobilization for the field work for Phase 1 of the Remedial Investigation). In addition to the businesses I mentioned in my previous email to you, we rang doorbells on most every home on Chester Avenue between Riverside Ave and Hinsdale Place. Only a couple of people actually answered the doors (we didn't get their names, just gave them our info flyer), everywhere else we just put our flyer in mailboxes. The 2017 flyer above is the flyer we handed out. (Note I also attached the 2016 flyer which was distributed at that Newark group presentation meeting, which I mentioned in my earlier email tonight).

Although I can't find my powerpoint or mention of mt presentation in the Passaic River CAG meeting summary in the [ourpassaic.org](http://ourpassaic.org) Digital Library, I'm almost certain I initially introduced the CAG to the Riverside Site at the March 2018 meeting. I have my powerpoint in my Riverside folder, if needed. Then, I presented an update on the Riverside Site to

the CAG on November 8, 2018. The powerpoint presentation and summary of that meeting can be found in the Digital Library of the ourpassaic.org site. I gave my final update to the CAG on May 10, 2019. I didn't use a powerpoint for that one, but again the summary can be found in the Digital Library.

On July 25, 2018, EPA led a tour of the Site with several City of Newark reps and other responsible party reps to discuss security concerns at the Site. Invitees included: Joanne Vos and Phoebe Youhanna (outside counsel for the City), Chris Colley (Newark CEDC (Community Economic Development Corp)), Anton Lender (counsel for the City – not sure if he's outside or inside) and Angela Foster and Annette Muhammad (Newark staff).

On January 10, 2018, EPA led an intro tour of the Site for Newark's outside counsel (see above), Newark CEDC (see above) and the redevelopers interested in purchasing the City of Newark properties.

Will also held monthly legal calls on the last Friday of each month which I don't have notes on but he would. I would participate in those calls to give technical updates and there was one call, in particular, on which I gave the background of the Site and requested assistance with community outreach because the local political rep was on the call. I don't recall his name, but hopefully, Will can help with the details on that (name and maybe date of the call).

I think this is about all I've got. If you need to flesh anything further out or have any questions on the above, below or my previous emails to you or AmyMarie, please give me a call. I know you're on a tight deadline and I'm not always sitting at my computer since I am busy home schooling and working at the same time:-0 Hope this helps!

Best of luck! Stay safe and be well!  
Liz

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**From:** Rychlenski, Ann <[Ann.Rychlenski@wsp.com](mailto:Ann.Rychlenski@wsp.com)>  
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I can't thank you enough for this - I really appreciate the time and effort it has taken. It is important that the work you did on Riverside is enumerated in the new CIP we are writing. Anything else you may find would be appreciated. You're the best! I owe you big time!! Be safe, be strong, be healthy. All the best, Ann

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**To:** Rychlenski, Ann <[Ann.Rychlenski@wsp.com](mailto:Ann.Rychlenski@wsp.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Newark Meeting Recap

Hi Ann.  
Found this email summarizing a joint meeting that several of us put on in Newark on all of the Newark Superfund Sites, including Riverside. Thought you could maybe mention this. I'll keep digging and see what else I can find.  
Liz

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Hi Newark Superfund Meeting team and MVD-Newark,

I just wanted to thank everyone for their participation and hard work last week in making our first Newark Superfund/Making a Visible Difference meeting a success. We had about 20 people turn out and though the group wasn't huge, the quality of conversation and discussion was amazing! We had some very positive feedback about the format of the meeting including requests to do more things like this in the future.

For your reference, I am attaching the final powerpoint (as presented), summary notes that attempt to capture the feedback we received during the discussion portion of the evening as well as a contact list with participants' identified environmental interests (if they filled out the comment card). I will also be adding the contacts to our sharepoint site.

I would like to note that though the discussion was centered around Superfund, the comments about EPA's communication with the community are worth a read and definitely relevant to all of our work.

Thank you all again for your participation and support.

**Sophia Rini**

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